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SUBJECT: PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER THIRD COUNTRY EXPORT
RESTRICTIONS IN FOOD AID AGREEMENTS.

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I. WE HAVE OBTAINED COPIES OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN OTHER
THIRD COUNTRIES AND INDIA STATING THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR FOOD
AID TO INDIA. CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN AND PROPOSED U. K. AGREEMENT
CONTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXPORT OF WHEAT FROM INDIA.

II. CANADIAN AGREEMENT PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 140,000 TONS OF
GRANT WHEAT STATES "... NO EXPORTS OF WHEAT OR FLOUR DURING THE
12-MONTH PERIOD IN WHICH SUPPLIES ARE RECEIVED (JULY 1974 TO
JUNE 1975) OR IN ANY SUBSEQUENT 12-MONTH PERIOD IN WHICH WHEAT IS
IMPORTED PURSUANT TO PROVISION OF THIS AID;". AUSTRALIAN AGREEMENT
PROVIDING 20,000 OF GRANT WHEAT STATES "...INDIA WILL NOT EXPORT
WHEAT OR WHEAT PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FOR LIMITED AMOUNTS TO NEPAL, IN
THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1974 TO JUNE 1975."

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III. UNITED KINGDOM AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE 30,000 TONS OF GRAIN ON

GRANT TERMS IN CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION IN NEW DELHI. PROPOSED U. K. NOTE STATES "... SHALL TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE RE-EXPORT OF WHEAT, WHETHER RECEIVED AS AID OR COMMERCIALY, AND OF THE BY-PRODUCT OF THE FIRST STAGE PROCESSING OF SUCH WHEAT. THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHALL ALSO TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE COMMERCIAL OR NON-COMMERCIAL EXPORT WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE LAST RECEIPT OF ANY SUCH WHEAT AS AID, BOTH OF LOCALLY PRODUCED CEREALS OF THE SAME TYPE AS THAT RECEIVED AS AID AND THE PRODUCTS OF FIRST STAGE PROCESSING AND THE BY-PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM THOSE CEREALS." U. K. HIGH COMMISSION OFFICIAL INDICATED INDIA HAS NOT AS YET OBJECTED TO THIS LANGUAGE.

IV. WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN COPY OF EEC FOOD AID AGREEMENT FOR 300,000 TONS OF GRANT WHEAT. MOST FEATURES OF PROPOSED U. K. AGREEMENT ARE SAID TO BE SIMILAR TO EEC AGREEMENT. VU

V. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN THE CASE OF CANADA (AND POSSIBLY AUSTRALIA) THE FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES OCCURRED AFTER THE WHEST HAD ARRIVED IN INDIA.
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